

TRINITY SCHOOL PTA

MINUTES OF PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 22nd MARCH 2010

Present: Tim Waters, Susan Eastwood, Jacqui Jones, Alan Webber, Anne Seaborne, Zoë Lewis, Lou Johnson, Louise Greenwood, Lawrence Coen, Natasha Waggett, John & Julie Bayliss, Michelle Keay, Rosemary Kearney

Apologies: Julie Drewitt

Minutes: The minutes of the last AGM were circulated.

Chairperson's Report: Lou Johnson welcomed everyone and reminded us that we have had a very successful year this year, starting with the swim and barbecue in June, which was, as usual, a great success. We continued with a fantastic Mexican Quiz Night in October and an amazing Burns Night in January, both of which were sell outs and raised lots of money! Thank you to everybody who supported these events and especially to all those who helped, particularly Paul Fellows for the huge amount of work that goes into arranging the drinks licence and providing the bar, Lawrence Coen for organizing the quiz, Ruth Waters for coordinating Burns Night, Steve Rowe and team for all the superb catering and Alan Webber for preparing and providing all his students' art work. The Senior Disco at Enigma and Prep Disco at school, were also well supported and thoroughly enjoyed, so thank you all who helped with those too.

Forthcoming events include the Prep Easter Bingo, which will coincide with the Prep Easter Bazaar on the last day of this term (April 8th) - [the bingo has now been cancelled because the school finishes at 12midday and it is no longer feasible for us, but the Easter Bazaar will go ahead in the morning] The Swim and Barbecue will again go ahead in the summer term (June 18th), so put the date in your diary. Two lifeguards have been booked - Mel Walker and Dom. The planning of the Hog Roast to end the summer term (July 8th) is well under way. The hog has been ordered, Steve Rowe will provide desserts and cheeseboards. The band/disco is being organized. Emails will be sent out with a reply slip. People should return their reply slip with payment (cheques only) to one of the school offices. The Den Fete may now not go ahead.

Lou rounded off her report by thanking Sue Eastwood for her support as Vice Chairperson, Natasha Waggett for taking on the Treasurer's role so well half way through the year and Jacqui Jones and Nathalie Chenery for all their help as joint secretaries. We will be very sorry to lose Nathalie as secretary, as she is standing down from the post, but hope she will continue to join us for the occasional meeting and to come along to the events. A gift will be passed on the Nathalie as a token of our appreciation.

Treasurer's Report: Natasha Waggett presented printouts of this year's accounts, showing a bank balance of £3,561.31. She informed us that she is operating a cash accounting system, which we agreed was fine. The Mexican Quiz night raised a huge sum of £1,155.00. Natasha will check with school what is happening with the Materi Girls School donation, as it hasn't yet been sent, though we have received a letter of thanks. The cost of the Senior Disco was £81.00 after ticket sales, which was a reasonable price because of the enjoyment had by the pupils.

Election of Officers:

Chairwoman	Lou Johnson	Proposed	Jacqui Jones
		Seconded	Susan Eastwood
Vice Chairperson	Susan Eastwood	Proposed	Lou Johnson
		Seconded	Lawrence Coen
Treasurer	Natasha Waggett	Proposed	Lawrence Coen
		Seconded	Lou Johnson
Joint Secretary	Anne Seaborne	Proposed	Lou Johnson
		Seconded	Louise Greenwood
Joint Secretary	Jacqui Jones	Proposed	Lou Johnson

Thank you to Anne Seaborne for volunteering as Joint Secretary, we look forward to working with her this year.

Members: All Trinity parents and staff are automatically members of the PTA and are welcome at any of the meetings and events. We are always looking for more support and would appreciate any new faces. Don't be shy, it's a great way to get to know the school and to meet new people, so why not come along and join us at any of our meetings or events.

Prep Dept representative this term: Eve Walters
Senior Dept representative this term: Lawrence Coen
Trinity Lodge representative this term: Michelle Keay

Any Other Business:

Funding decisions were made as follows;

Alan Webber brought in a portable p.a. system to demonstrate. It was very impressive and we agreed to purchase one for the PTA (at about £380.00), to be kept in Lawrence Coen's office for future school and PTA events.

The "Singtastic" science and music project cost £90.00 instead of £45.00, but was worth doing as it was educationally beneficial and good promotion for the school. The extra cost was agreed.

Mr. Jarrold who runs the Astronomy club requested £50.00 towards a new tripod. This was agreed.

Alan Webber also presented plans for an outdoor classroom area between Oakley Hall and the Prep Dept, for which £2,000 has been requested towards the cost. This was discussed at length and some issues were raised regarding the plans, as follows; the soft surface shown on the plans may not tolerate high heels very well and as it the route to Oakley Hall, this may be a future concern when parents visit; the steps were not shown on the plan, how are these incorporated? Also, it was felt that the new Prep1 teacher may want some input into the play area design. It was decided that we should wait for input from the senior leadership team to find out the bigger picture, before committing a large sum to a narrow target group within the school. The £1,000 raised at the Mexican Quiz night will be ring fenced for outdoor development, but it's up to the leadership team to decide how best to use it.

The decision regarding the computer requested by Steve Rowe is still with the school.

There are spotlights in school which could be used by the camera club.

The issue of second hand uniform was raised and discussed at length. It was suggested that the PTA should take on the running of this, with sales being on a 50/50 basis as they were previously. Storage would be a problem, as would access to the stock by parents/children requiring urgent items. Other options were mentioned including sales at PTA events and a large sort out and sale at the beginning of the summer term, to try to clear the backlog. This subject requires more thought and other parents to help. Rosemary Kearney, Zoe Lewis and Natasha Waggett have offered to start sorting through the stock.

The meeting was followed by a selection of fruit, cheeses and biscuits, with soft drinks and wine.

First & Next Meetings: Thurs 19th May, 7.30pm, in the White House Meeting Room
Thurs 23rd June, 7.30pm, in the White House Meeting Room